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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREEMENT - RECEIVING SIDE
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR EXHIBITS

1. THE ISSUE OF RECEIVING SIDE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR EXHIBITS EXCHANGED UNDER ARTICLE VI PARAGRAPH 1 WAS RAISED DURING OCTOBER 14 CALL ON DIMITRU GHISE, VICE PRESIDENT, COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL CULTURE AND EDUCATION, BY AMBASSADOR, USIA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHIRLEY AND PAO FERNANDEZ. DEPARTMENT AND USIA MAY RECALL COMPLICATIONS WHICH AROSE REGARDING THESE PROVISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEMPORARY ROMANIAN PAINTING EXHIBITION LAST YEAR. GHISE WAS ADVISED OF USG DESIRE TO DROP PROVISIONS IN IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS OF CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREEMENT FOR RECEIVING SIDE PAYMENT OF CURATOR "LIVING EXPENSES AND INTERNAL TRAVEL COSTS." DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO RECALL THAT USIA PAID INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR ROMANIAN EXHIBIT ON "EXCEPTIONAL ONE-TIME BASIS."

2. GHISE REPLIED GOR IS BASICALLY IN FAVOR OF DROPPING PROVISIONS FOR RECEIVING SIDE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS SO LONG AS THE COUNCIL HAS SOME MECHANISM FOR EARNING HARD CURRENCY FROM U.S. EXHIBITS WHILE THEY ARE IN ROMANIA. IN ORDER TO FINANCE COSTS INCURRED WHEN GOR SENDS EXHIBITS TO THE U.S., GHISE NOTED THAT THE DOLLAR EARNINGS FROM OUR EXHIBIT ACTIVITIES IN ROMANIA UNDER ARTICLE VI PARAGRAPH 1 ACCURE AT PRESENT TO THE ROMANIAN
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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (ROMTRANS) NOT THE TO COUNCIL. THE

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LATTER ORGANIZATIONES DOES NOT HAVE ANY ALLOCATION OF HARD
CURRENCY AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING EXHIBIT ACTIVITIES IN THE
U.S. OR IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. GHISE REQUESTED WE LOOK INTO
POSSIBILITY OF USG DEPOSITING FUNDS EXPENDED FOR OUR EXHIBIT IN ROMAN
IA
IN ACCOUNT IN U.S. FROM
WHICH COUNCIL COULD DRAW FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING THIER
EXHIBIT ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. REQUEST L AND USIA/IGC PROVIDE US WITH AN OPINION
AS TO WHETHER IT IS LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH SUCH
AN ACCOUNT;
B. AND IF POSSIBLE, THE EXACT MECHANISM FOR SO DOING.
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